

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (New): A method for distribution of scrambled data and/or services to at least one master terminal and to at least one slave terminal linked with the master terminal, the method comprising:

transmitting to the master terminal a first secret code and transmitting to each slave terminal a second secret code in a biunique relationship with the first secret code; and

authorizing reception of the data and/or services by a slave terminal only if the first secret code is previously stored in the slave terminal.

Claim 12 (New): A method according to claim 11, further comprising:

defining a first type of entitlement management messages to transmit the first secret code to the master terminal, and defining a second type of entitlement management messages to transmit the second secret code to each slave terminal;

storing the first secret code in the master terminal and storing the second secret code in each slave terminal; and

for each use of a slave terminal,

requesting that the first secret code be entered up in the slave terminal if the first secret code is not already stored in the slave terminal or if the second secret code is not in a biunique relationship with the first secret code saved in the slave terminal.

Claim 13 (New): A method according to claim 11, further comprising generating at a variable frequency a new first secret code and a new second secret code in a biunique relationship with the new first secret code.

Claim 14 (New): A method according to claim 13, further comprising:

defining a first type of entitlement management messages to transmit the new first secret code to the master terminal, and defining a second type of entitlement management messages to transmit the new second secret code to each slave terminal;

storing the new first secret code in the master terminal and storing the new second secret code in each slave terminal; and

for each use of a slave terminal,

if the new second secret code is not in a biunique relationship with the new first secret code previously stored in the slave terminal, requesting that the new first secret code be entered up in the slave terminal.

Claim 15 (New): A method according to claim 11, wherein each terminal comprises a security processor.

Claim 16 (New): A method according to claim 15, wherein the security processor comprises a smart card linked with the terminal.

Claim 17 (New): A method according to claim 16, wherein the smart card is paired with the terminal.

Claim 18 (New): A scrambled data and/or service distribution system for at least one master terminal and at least one slave terminal, each equipped with a security processor, the system comprising:

a central subscriber management module;

an entitlement management message generator;

a scrambling platform;

means for attributing to the master terminal a first secret code, and to each slave terminal a second secret code in a biunique relationship with the first secret code;

means for transferring the first secret code to the slave terminal; and

control means for authorizing reception of the data and/or services by a slave terminal only if the first secret code is previously stored in the slave terminal.

Claim 19 (New): A system according to claim 18, comprising a single master terminal and a single slave terminal.

Claim 20 (New): A system according to claim 18, comprising a plurality of master terminals and a plurality of slave terminals.